



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact M. Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

December 2007

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences



Hosted by: Indian Nations Conservation Alliance and Intertribal Agriculture Council

Dec 12-14	Native Americans Coming Together Caring for Mother Earth	Las Vegas, NV	Contact: 406-259-3525 or 406 684-5199
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Sponsor: Journal of Solid Waste Technology and Management (call for papers)

Mar 30-Apr 2	23 rd International Conference on Solid Waste Technology and Management	Philadelphia, PA	Dr. Ronald L. Mersky, 610-499-4041, solid.waste@widener.edu
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

 Jan 7-10	Integrated Approaches for Energy, Climate and the Environment	Chapel Hill, NC	Contact: www.excelgov.org/sustainabelresults
Jun 23-27	8 th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Nurturing Mother Earth	Billings, MT	Proposal deadline: Jan 8, 2008. Contact: Allyson Kelley at 406 252-2550 or go to: http://www.ntcem8.org/



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency and Inter Tribal Council of Nevada

Jan 16	Nevada Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	Sparks, NV	Email Nancy Sockabasin at sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov or call 415 972-3772.
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Sponsor: Indigenous Environment Network (IEN)

Jul 17-20	Protecting Mother Earth's Call for Healing—Reaffirming Our Roots	Lee, NV	IEN 218-751-4967, ien@igc.org
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Trainings

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)

Dec 4-6	Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Inspector course	San Diego, CA	Contact Information below
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ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator, 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Dec 12-13	Natural Resource Damage Assessment Workshop - The What, Why, When, Where, and How of NRDA	Seattle, WA	**
Dec. 13-14	Introduction to Aquatic Toxicology - Understanding Impacts of Organic Chemicals and Metals on Aquatic Ecosystem	San Diego, CA	**

**For more information on the above trainings, please call the Northwest Environmental Training Center 206-762-1976 or visit the following Web site: <http://www.nwetc.org>

**Sponsor: The Grant Institute**

Jan 22-24	Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop	Portland, OR	Call 888-824 - 4424 or visit www.thegrantinstitute.com .
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**Sponsor: The University of Arizona**

Jan 20-24	40th Annual Arizona Economic Development Course	Tucson, AZ	Bob McNichols, 928-753-6110 or FAX 928-437-1112
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Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

ITCA will provide tribal operators reimbursement for travel and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

Jan 14-16	Advances in Environmental Site Characterization, Monitoring, Sampling and Remediation Technology	Tampa, FL	www.envirofieldconference.com
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Email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com for all upcoming courses, outlines, testimonials and course instructor information.

Water Education Foundation

The Water Education Foundation is accepting applications for its ninth Water Leaders Class, which will begin January 2008. Applications are due December 3, 2007. The William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Class is a one-year program that identifies young community leaders from diverse backgrounds, including members of minority and ethnic communities, and educates them about water issues. Designed as a program for young working professionals, participation involves a time commitment from both the class member and his or her employer. The class is primarily funded through grants, with partial support from tuition fees. Tuition is \$2,500 for the year-long program, which helps to cover attendance at Foundation events. Scholarship funding is available, including the William R. "Bill" Gianelli Scholarship Fund and the Jean Auer Scholarship Fund.

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Tribal Border Infrastructure Deadline extended to December 21.

EPA's Tribal Border Infrastructure program is requesting proposals for high priority drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects for federally recognized Indian tribes within 62 miles (100 kilometers) of the U.S. / Mexico border. The full announcement is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html>. Proposals must be postmarked or received through Grants.gov by December 21, 2007. For more information, contact Linda Reeves at 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov.



Tribal Air Funding Announcement for FY09

The Funding Announcement for FY09 Tribal Air Funding is now available on our website: http://epa.gov/region09/funding/air_tribal.html. Please note that proposals must be postmarked by January 8, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Roy Ford at (415) 972-3997 or ford.roy@epa.gov.



Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)

EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$400,000 through Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements (DITCAs) ranging in size from approximately \$25,000 to \$75,000 for SWAP activities. This funding will enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia within EPA Region 9, who operate at least one public water system (PWS), to identify and assess any possible threats (potential sources of contamination) to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. Proposals are due January 18, 2008. Guidance is available on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/pdf/tribal-swap-ditca-guidance-2008.pdf> or by contacting Jamelya Curtis at 415-972-3529 or curtis.jamelya@epa.gov for paper copies or more information.

Design Competition for Sustainability

EPA requests proposals for the 5th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 is a partnership between the public and private sectors to foster progress toward sustainability by achieving the mutual goals of economic prosperity, planet protection, and improved quality of life. P3 supports R&D and design solutions to real world challenges involving sustainability. Areas of interest include: Energy, Water, the Built Environment, Agriculture, Materials and Chemistry, and Information Technology. In Phase 1, \$550K is expected to be available and 55 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 20. For more information, contact Cynthia Nolt-Helms at nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_p3.html.

Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study

EPA requests proposals for the fall 2008 EPA Greater Research Opportunities Fellowships for Undergraduate Environmental Study. Through this initiative, EPA seeks to support leadership in the nation's environmental

science, research, education, assessment, restoration, and preservation efforts. Eligible students will receive support for junior and senior year, and an internship at an EPA facility. Planned course of study must focus on pollution prevention and/or control in one or more areas of environmental significance which includes: Natural and Life Sciences, Environmental Science, Engineering, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science, or Economics. \$650K is expected to be available and up to 20 awards are anticipated; individual awards NTE \$41.5K. Responses are due December 19. For more info, contact Georgette Boddie at boddie.georgette@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_gro_undergrad.html

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or “seed money” to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state’s program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Brownfield Economic Development

HUD requests proposals for the Brownfield Economic Development Initiative. This initiative is designed to help local governments redevelop abandoned, idled, or underutilized real property, including industrial and commercial facilities, where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. \$32.9 million is expected to be available, individual awards not to exceed \$2 million, and responses are due December 24. For more information, contact David Kaminsky at david.kaminsky@hud.gov or go to: http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?opId=15566&flag2006=true&mode=VIEW_.

Community Development and Affordable Housing

HUD requests proposals for Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing. Lead applicant organizations are identified, though partnership opportunities may exist. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of housing for low-income families and persons, and community and economic development activities that create jobs for low-income persons. \$29.59 million expected to be available, responses due December 12. For more information, contact Karen Daly at karen.e.daly@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/otherhud.cfm>.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Water and Wastewater

USDA requests proposals for Technical Assistance and Training Grants, for work to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste disposal problems in rural areas, assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste grants made at the State level offices, and improve operation and maintenance of existing water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. \$17 million is expected to be available and up to 17 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 31. For more information, contact Anita O'Brien at anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/tatg.htm>.

Solid Waste Management

USDA requests proposals for Solid Waste Management Grants, for project to reduce or eliminate pollution of rural water resources and improve planning and management of rural solid waste sites. \$3.5 million is expected to be available and up to 70 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 31. For more info, contact LaVonda Pernell at lavonda.pernell@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>.

Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:



Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program

The Department of Water Resources in California has released its Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and scheduled application workshops on the Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Program (AB 303). Grants are available to conduct groundwater studies, monitoring, or groundwater management activities. A total of \$6.4 million is available and the maximum grant amount is \$250,000 per applicant. Applications are due December 11, 2007. More information on the Program, PSP, and the workshops is posted on the following website:

<http://www.grantsloans.water.ca.gov/grants/assistance.cfm>. All workshops were held in November, but if you have questions contact DWR_IRWM@water.ca.gov. For more information, contact Harley H. Davis at hdavis@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9229.



Aid to Vulnerable Communities Impacted by the Southern California Wildfires

The California Endowment announced its commitment of \$750,000 to provide wildfire relief and aid to the often-overlooked communities impacted by the disaster in Southern California. The Endowment will make grants to nonprofit organizations and clinics providing health and supportive services to low-income children and families in need, particularly those with chronic respiratory conditions like asthma. This includes displaced farm workers and day laborers, Native Americans whose reservations suffered fire damage, and those living in remote, rural areas where there are few community-based organizations that are able to meet the community's needs when disaster strikes. For more information, visit The Endowment's Web site at www.calendow.org or call Jeff Okey, 213-928-8622 or email jokey@calendow.org

Environmental Reporting

The Metcalf Institute for Marine & Environmental Reporting is requesting applications for Diversity Fellowships in Environmental Reporting, a 42-week fellowship program that provides traditionally under-represented minority journalists with an opportunity to learn basic science, gain environmental research and reporting skills, and apply new knowledge and skills in a reporting assignment. \$28K stipend is included and six awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 18, 2008. For more information, go to:

http://www.metcalfinstitute.org/fellowships/apply_diversity.htm.

Social Entrepreneurship Funding Opportunity

The Skoll Foundation requests proposals for Social Entrepreneurship Awards to people whose work has the potential for large-scale influence on critical challenges of our time in the areas of environmental sustainability, health, tolerance and human rights, institutional responsibility, economic and social equity, peace and security. These awards provide later-stage funding, which is generally structured as a \$1 million award paid out over three years. In most cases, the grant is provided for core support to help organizations expand their programs and capacity to deliver long-term, sustainable equilibrium change. Applications are received year round. For more information, go to: <http://www.skollfoundation.org>.

Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns,

townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at meer.daniel@epa.gov .

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

Housing and Community Development in California

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones 916-319-8402 or email ajones@hcd.ca.gov

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

The California Department of Water Resources

The 2007 Proposal Solicitation for Water Use Efficiency is a two step process. In Step 1, the applicant will submit (on-line) a concept proposal. Applicants with concept proposals meeting specific criteria and requirements will be asked to submit a detailed and full proposal for funding consideration. If you have any questions, please e-mail wue@water.ca.gov or 916-651-9666 or email baryohay@water.ca.gov

Economic Development

The U.S. Economic Development Administration requests proposals under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, and the Trade Act of 1974. This program supports projects that promote comprehensive, entrepreneurial and innovation-based economic development efforts to enhance the competitiveness of regions, resulting in increased private investment and higher-skill, higher wage jobs in areas experiencing substantial and persistent economic distress. \$250.7 million is expected to be available, proposals accepted on a continuous basis. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppld=13169&mode=VIEW>.

Employment Opportunities



Summer Intern Host Program

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University is soliciting intern host sites from around the nation for the 2008 Environmental Summer Internship Program. Undergraduate and graduate students interested in environmental or related careers (law, policy, management, engineering, science, etc.) will be selected by ITEP to work in tribal environmental offices, regional EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations for ten weeks, from approximately June through August. As an intern host you gain a dedicated intern who will complete a new or on-going project directly related to air quality, which will benefit the student, your agency and the environment. ITEP will choose host sites based on how well the projects match interns' credentials and skills. ITEP will provide each student intern with a \$4,000 stipend, with housing and travel allowances available as needed. Host applications must be submitted online at

http://www4.nau.edu/eeop/internships/ssi_host.asp on or before January 15, 2008. For more information call Matthew A. Zierenberg, 928-523-8864/1496; or email: Matthew.Zierenberg@NAU.EDU

Clean Water Program Manager

The EPA Clean Water Act Sec.106 Water Pollution Control Program at the La Jolla Indian Reservation has a vacancy for a Clean Water Program Manager who will be responsible for running the EPA CWA-Sec.106 program that will protect the surface water quality, the environment, and the residents of the La Jolla Indian Reservation. This position reports to the Environmental Director. All interested persons are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the La Jolla Tribal Office or by calling the number below and an application and resume should be submitted to the La Jolla Personnel Committee at the address or email below. While direct experience is preferred, it is not necessary. What is necessary is to be a responsible person with a desire to learn and to do a good job. For more information, contact the La Jolla Band of Indians – 22000 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA, 92061 lajollagis@yahoo.com –760-742-3790 x311

Water Resources Engineer, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)

Under supervision of the Division Manager (Water Resources), plans, manages, and conducts water resources related engineering projects, including design, supervision of contracts and contractors, planning and supervision of survey and engineering technician staff. This position is treated as an FLSA exempt position. Submit application to SRPMIC – Human Resources, 10005 E. Osborn, Scottsdale, AZ 85256, FAX 480-850-8126 or apply on line at www.SRPMICJOBS.com. To request a full job description, please e-mail recruitmenttransactions@srpmic-nsn.gov or phone 480-850-8096. This position will remain open until filled. For a complete listing of employment positions at SRPMIC go to: <http://www.srpmicjobs.com/>

Resource Technician for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is also accepting applications for a Resource Technician. Incumbent will direct/administer all aspects of the Tribe's geographical information system. For more information, please contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org

Job Openings and Civil Service Exams:

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) has openings for engineers, environmental scientists, toxicologists, industrial hygienists, engineering geologists, chemists, and criminal investigators. Positions are located in the Sacramento HQ office, as well as in regional offices in Berkeley, Sacramento, Glendale, Cypress, Clovis, San Diego, and Calexico. Applications for civil service exams for these positions are being accepted on a continuous basis. Web site: [Employment with DTSC](#)

Environmental Coordinator for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe of northwestern Nevada is accepting applications for an Environmental Coordinator. Incumbent will lead the Tribe's efforts to develop and implement an Environmental Plan to attain the Tribe's goals. Contact William Cowan, Natural Resource Director, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, 653 Anderson Street, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone 775-623-5151 or email: william.cowan@summitlaketribe.org

Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

North Fork Mono Rancheria

The Rancheria has an opening for an environmental director. The salary range is \$48,159 -- \$62,605 per year. Under the general direction of the Tribal Administrator, the director will plan, direct, supervise, and coordinate the activities of the Tribe's Environmental Protection Department. The requirements are a B.S. in Natural Resource Science, Environmental Planning, or other related field with three years of successful experience working in the area of environmental programs and one year experience administering environmental grants/contract program(s). This position will remain open until filled. Please call 559-877-2461 for an application package.

Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, performs field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

Miscellaneous Items of Interest**Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians**

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at www.doi.gov/ost and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders". The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or letters may be sent to:

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians
Attn: Address Change
4400 Masthead Street, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109



Department of Energy (DOE) Tribal Energy Program Student Internships for Native American Students

DOE's Tribal Energy Program is offering summer internships to Native American students who are interested in renewable energy and who are currently college upper-classmen or graduate students. To be considered for the 2008 summer program, applications must be received by February 22, 2008. For more on the program, go to <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/internships.cfm> . For questions, contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories at 505-844-5418 or skbegay@sandia.gov .



The Region 9 Pesticides Office seeks input on proposed Funding Criteria

Region 9's Pesticides Office is reexamining the approach used to select tribal programs for funding and the amount of funds each tribal program receives. Our goal continues to be to provide the widest possible coverage in Indian country, ensuring that the tribes with the greatest potential for exposure to pesticide risks have pesticide program coverage. EPA currently provides ongoing pesticide program funding to fourteen tribes and one tribal consortium in Region 9. As additional tribes express interest in pesticide funding, resource allocation decisions are becoming more critical. The Region 9 Pesticide Office is proposing the establishment of criteria against which we can prioritize requests for continuing cooperative agreements. The proposed criteria are:

Population - Number of residents (tribal members and others) living within reservation boundaries;

Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries; and

Agricultural Acreage - Number of acres within reservation boundaries that produce an agricultural crop.

We will also consider special issues such as continuity of programs, weed control, structural applications, and performance under the grant. If you want more information or wish to provide comments on this effort, contact Pam Cooper at (415) 947-4217 or via e-mail at cooper.pam@epa.gov.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS)

OAQPS has released two documents for review and comment concerning Indian tribes. The first document, entitled Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments, is OAQPS' guidance to its staff on how they should determine if EPA actions have potential effects or impacts on tribes, and how the Agency should conduct outreach and collaboration while not ignoring its responsibility to full consult with such tribes. It is important to note that this guidance is subject to change or could be preempted by a forthcoming Agency-wide consultation policy currently under development. The second document, entitled The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards Tribal Program Plan 2008-2013, outlines OAQPS' tribal priorities and its plans for addressing these priorities. The priorities are intended to be carried out in concert with the Office of Air and Radiation Strategy. Comments may be submitted directly to Yvonne Johnson at johnson.yvonnew@epa.gov . To view these documents, click or past on the browser the following address.

<http://www.epa.gov/oar/tribal/pdfs/Tribal%20Guidance%20and%20Policy%20Final%20Draft.pdf>

American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

AIEO has also developed a tribal portal to help American Indian communities and supporters locate tribal related information within EPA and other government agencies. Visit the [American Indian Tribal Portal](#) and let AIEO know what you think of the Web site and how it can be improved. For more information, contact Candi Schaedle, 202-564-6121 or email schaedle.candi@epa.gov

Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTToolkit.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Consulting with Indian Tribal Governments at Superfund Sites: A Beginner's Booklet

If you have questions concerning this booklet or would like to obtain a copy, please contact Nick Rebek, State, Tribe, and Site Identification Branch, 703-603-8811

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

National Response Center (NRC)

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Inspector Credentials

Compliance assurance in Indian Country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or baranco.angela@epa.gov.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>